

BUTLER STOLE \$25,000 IN GEMS.

Mrs. Alfred Nathan Returned Home to Find that Trusted Servant Had Plundered Jewel Box and Fled, Leaving Note Confessing Guilt.

Mrs. Alfred Nathan, of No. 35 East Twenty-second street, has been robbed of \$25,000 worth of jewels, a part of her large collection, and the police are looking for the Nathans' butler, George Bossut.

The jewels were taken while Mr. and Mrs. Nathan were in Deal Beach, where they are building a summer home.

The robbery resembles the famous L. Townsend Burden and Thebaud affairs, except in this instance the butler was sufficiently considerate to leave a note confessing the theft and thus making it possible for the police to focus their efforts in trying to find him.

Bossut had made elaborate preparations for the robbery and is believed to have fled from this part of the country.

Mr. Nathan said to-day that Bossut had come to him splendidly recommended. About eight years ago he was employed by William K. Vanderbilt as butler. After leaving Mr. Vanderbilt he served in a similar capacity in several Fifth avenue mansions. As far as Mr. Nathan could learn from these former employers the butler had never been guilty of any crime and had always had the full confidence of his employers.

JEWELS STOLEN FROM NATHANS BY THE BUTLER.

Diamond dog collar, three inches high, containing a medallion worked in the center of a square.

Pearl necklace, containing three strands of 271 pearls and a pink clasp.

Diamond tiara, with a star in the center and a four-karat diamond in the center of the star.

Pin set with six pearls, surrounded by small diamonds.

Ring containing a 2 1/2-karat sapphire between two diamonds of 1 karat each; old-fashioned setting.

Ring set with a 2-karat emerald, surrounded by small diamonds.

Hoop ring containing one hoop of pearls and two hoops of diamonds.

Diamond hair clasp.

Diamond and pearl comb, mounted on amber.

Three pearl studs.

Pearl and diamond scarf pin.

Six pearl vest buttons, each set with a small diamond, and sleeve buttons to match.

Lady's gold watch, surrounded by small pearls and marked "M. L."

Six gold vest buttons marked "A. N."

Two diamond brooches.

Diamond levallier support, a pear-shaped pearl, with an invisible wire.

lately went to the two other drawers and found that they had also been rifled, not a trinket being left.

Mr. Nathan immediately called up the servants and learned that Bossut had left the house early in the afternoon upon learning of the intended return of his master and mistress. When his clothing was searched duplicate keys to the drawers were found and also a letter in which the butler confessed his guilt.

Letter About "Marie."

There were also several other letters in the butler's clothing. One of them was signed "Marie." When Mr. Nathan notified Inspector Cortright of the crime these letters were turned over to detectives who succeeded in tracing "Marie," and they now have her under

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HIGHER PAY DEMANDED BY "L" MEN

Committee of Employees Calls on General Manager Skitt and Presents Its Requests for More Wages and Shorter Hours.

NO STRIKE ON NEW HAVEN.

Directors of the Railroad, at a Meeting Attended by J. P. Morgan, Decide to Increase Wages for All Employees.

General Manager Skitt, of the Manhattan Railway, was presented to-day with a set of demands for shorter hours and higher wages for the employees of the system. These demands were made by a committee elected at a meeting of "L" road employees held yesterday in Colonial Hall, One Hundred and First street and Columbus avenue, at which an offer made by the company to make some slight raises in pay for different classes of employees was refused by unanimous vote.

No time was specified for the company to deliver an answer. Members of the committee said that inasmuch as the control of the Manhattan passes to the Interborough corporation on April 1 the officials should have plenty of time. General Manager Skitt, it was learned to-day, has a contract running three years longer with the Manhattan, and will undoubtedly retain his position under the new control of the property, but the power will be in E. P. Morgan, who was brought here from St. Louis to run the underground system.

Members of the committee believe that their next conference will be with Mr. Bryan, who is, they say, a fair-minded man and a friend of labor. His superintendent, Frank O. Hedley, was foreman of the Manhattan shops in Harlem, and knows the needs of the employees.

General Manager Bryan, of the Interborough Company, went into conference with August Belmont at the latter's office this afternoon. Before going in he said to the reporters:

"The Interborough Company does not assume control of the Manhattan 'L' until one minute past 12 o'clock on April 1. It will then assume the responsibilities of the management. We are prepared to meet the men, and I have no doubt that the Interborough Company will be able to make a satisfactory arrangement with the 'L' employees. Some time after April 1 I shall probably issue some statement on this subject."

"The employees," said Chairman Pepper, "are going to exhaust every effort to have this question settled between themselves and the company before resorting to arbitration."

"The question of wages does not bother us so much as the question of hours. We want the six-trip run abolished. Often it takes from twelve to fifteen hours to complete it. A nine-hour day with extra pay for overtime will suit us."

"A complaint was asked if he anticipated a compliance with the demands of the men on the part of the Interborough corporation should the Manhattan turn them down."

"Well," he replied, "Mr. Belmont is a member of the Civic Federation and John B. McDonald is widely known as a friend of labor. I want it known that the so-called labor agitators have nothing to do with this matter. Mr. Mahon, President of the Association of Street Railway Employees, is in Waterbury to-day. Resin Orr, the secretary of the organization, is in Detroit, and Herman Robinson, the district organizer, is in Buffalo."

NEW HAVEN ROAD GRANTS HIGHER PAY.

The directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad met at the Grand Central Station to-day and decided what their answer would be to the demands of the trainmen and conductors for an increase in wages. This answer they would not make public.

President John M. Hill issued a statement in which he said a schedule of wages had been prepared, but that the road's dealings were with their employees and that therefore they would say what was to be said to the men in New Haven at noon to-morrow.

From one of the directors who attended the meeting it was learned that the board decided to make a general increase of wages all around. This increase will affect not only the trainmen and conductors, the two classes of employees who have been making demands, but also firemen, marine freight handlers, trackmen and machinists.

The firemen are to have a 12-hour day one day and 11 hours the next day. Their wages are to be raised from \$2 to \$2.20 and \$2.15 respectively for the long and short day.

J. Pierpont Morgan was in attendance at the directors' meeting. He drove up to the Grand Central station in a cab ten minutes after the hour set for the meeting. He bustled into the building, grunted at the elevator man and dashed from the car into the directors' room. There he met President Hill, Vice-President William D. Bishop, W. P. Crowley and Messrs. Martin and Tice.

VANDERBILTS IN ROAD SMASH-UP.

MR. AND MRS. ALFR. D. G. VANDERBILT.



Reginald and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Are Thrown from Trap When Horses Ran Away, and Mrs. Vanderbilt Is Injured—Others Shaken Up and Driver's Arm Dislocated.

PORTSMOUTH, R. I., March 24.—The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt and of Reginald Vanderbilt are congratulating them to-day on their escape from serious injury when they were thrown from a four-seated trap on Quaker Hill, in this town.

The party was out for a drive, when the team took fright at a flying piece of paper and ran away. While the driver was seeing-sawing on the reins the horses swerved sharply to the side, overturning the trap and throwing out the occupants.

Mrs. Vanderbilt fell heavily on her

WARRANTS REFUSED FOR CONCERT HALLS.

Magistrate Zeller Turns Down Ten Complaining Policemen in the Essex Market Court.

Ten policemen attached to the Eldridge street station went before Magistrate Zeller in the Essex Market Court to-day and applied for warrants for the proprietors of theatres and concert-hall keepers for violating the Sunday law.

The policemen said they heard singing on the stage, heard shifting of scenes and that an admission fee was charged. The performers, however, were not in costume.

Magistrate Zeller refused to grant warrants. He said that he considered the evidence insufficient. Each officer had a written statement as to the performance he had witnessed.

SIX DROWNED IN FLOOD.

Current Swept Skiff Against a Bridge, Throwing Occupants Out.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 24.—J. R. Hood returned from the flooded district of Arkansas to-day, and reports that at a station on the "Frisco" Railroad, a skiff, containing four drummers and two negro oarsmen, was swept under the track of the railroad in a swift current.

The boat was overturned and all six of the occupants were drowned.

BURDICK GIRL ON THE STAND

BUFFALO, March 24.—Little Carol Burdick, second daughter of the murdered man, followed her mother on the stand.

She at once won the sympathy of the spectators by the appearance she made. Her childish innocence was depicted in her earnest endeavors to reveal all she knew of the tragedy.

She gave a description of the fatherly affection of the murdered man toward the children on the night preceding the tragedy. She said she loved her father dearly and that he was a good papa to her. The inquest was then adjourned.

LATE RESULTS AT BENNINGS.

Sixth Race—Atheley 1, Bon Mol 2, Ben Howard 3.

ALDERMEN VOTE AGAINST HIGH LICENSE.

The Board of Aldermen, by a vote of 46 to 10, adopted the resolution opposing high license.

MEZZO WINS FOURTH RACE AT 20 TO 1.

Rank Outsider Beats Wheeler 1 and Prancer, the 4 to 5 Favorite—Pleasant Memories at 8 to 1 Takes Second Event.

FAVORITES TWICE WINNERS.

Mrs. Frank Foster and Locket Are First at Short Odds—Bennings Track Is Heavy, but Regulars Turn Out in Force.

THE WINNERS.

FIRST RACE—Mrs. Frank Foster 1, Alan 2, Anna Daly 3.

SECOND RACE—Pleasant Memories 1, Wood Shade 2, Geo. Harrison 3.

THIRD RACE—Locket 1, Lord Advocate 2, Brink 3.

FOURTH RACE—Mezzo 1, Wheeler 2, Prancer 3.

FIFTH RACE—Musical Slipper 1, Imperious 2, Bobbinet 3.

(Special to The Evening World.)

RACE TRACK, BENNINGS, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The card at Bennings this afternoon did not amount to much. Class was entirely lacking, only the cheapest sort of horses being engaged in the six races that made up the program.

This sort of thing is expected in the early spring and there are many reasons why a better quality of race-horses are not shown.

The chief reason is that the track this afternoon was in very bad shape. The mud was not the soft ooze of yesterday, but had changed into a sticky, pasty mass that gave uncertain footing and was a strain on the horse. It stands to reason that a trainer who has put in a long winter preparing his horse for the season's campaign is not going to send that horse for a small purse under the most severe conditions when there are many months of good racing ahead of him.

If the track had been good and dry this afternoon, the entries would have been more numerous and the chances are that a better class of horses would have contended.

Of course the regular is satisfied with almost anything in the shape of a race that affords him an opportunity to speculate, but it would be a very enthusiastic regular who could express pleasure at this afternoon's card.

The Washingtonian racegoer, however, knows little of class; he has been accustomed to the outdoor racing at Arlington, and therefore these animals at Bennings who sport the colors of August Belmont and other prominent racing men look like the real thing to him. He enthuses over everything and bets his dollar just as earnestly as John W. Gates bet a million.

The attendance was large this afternoon and the big steel grandstand was comfortably filled. The club house was well patronized. It is on days when the timber tappers are performing that society blossoms in all its strength.

The weather cleared beautifully last night, but the morning was again cloudy and threatening, and there was a possibility of more rain before the last race was run.

It is reported that Supt. Tom Strahan will give up his position as track guardian after the present meeting is over. It is said that Algonquin Danglefield, the assistant secretary here, reported to President Howard that Supt. Strahan had used rude language to him. Strahan and Mr. Howard then had a scene, which, it is said, resulted in Strahan's retirement.

Strahan is a capable and painstaking track man and the Washington Club will lose one of its best aids if this story is true.

Six furlongs.

Starters.	whits.	locks.	St. Hit.	Pla.	Pla.
Mezzo	1	1	1	1	1
Wheeler	2	2	2	2	2
Prancer	3	3	3	3	3
Alan	4	4	4	4	4
Anna Daly	5	5	5	5	5
White	6	6	6	6	6

Start good. Won handsly. Time 1:29.5.

Alan and Anna Daly raced together to the turn, with Mrs. Frank Foster behind. On the turn Redfern took Mrs. Frank Foster to the inside and, rapidly making up ground, closed on the leaders as they swung into the stretch. In the run home Mrs. Frank Foster drew away and won easily by two and a

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MRS. BURDICK AND PENNELL PLANNED TO DIE

In One of Her Letters and in Some of His Are Indications that They Were Both Tired of Life Because of Obstacles to Their Happiness, and that They Would End Their Existence.

HER EXPENSES AFTER SHE LEFT HOME PAID BY PENNELL.

District-Attorney Tries to Prove that Pennell Gave a Bond to Burdick to Secure the Payment to Her of \$25,000—More About the Clandestine Meetings in This City and Other Places.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BUFFALO, March 24.—The most dramatic of the series of sensations that have marked the Burdick tragedy was furnished late this afternoon, while Mrs. Burdick was on the stand telling her strange story of illicit love.

District-Attorney Coatsworth read a letter from Mrs. Pennell to Burdick, in which she pleaded with him to take Mrs. Burdick back, and hinting that Pennell might commit suicide and take Mrs. Burdick with him.

Mrs. Burdick said she did not know what Mrs. Pennell meant by it. In a letter written on Dec. 28, 1902, by Mrs. Burdick to Mr. Burdick she told him she intended to go to Atlantic City. The letter also contained a veiled threat at suicide. Witness said she had not talked to Pennell about suicide.

Several letters written by Pennell, in which he intimated suicide, were read by the District-Attorney. The tone of all of the letters was the same, expressing extreme unhappiness because of his separation from Mrs. Burdick, and stating that life was not worth living, and that he would welcome death as a relief.

She denied that she ever had improper relations with Pennell. Long before the proceedings were begun a tremendous crowd gathered around Police Headquarters and there was a desperate crush to get to the room in which the inquiry is being conducted. Fights were frequent. Despite the efforts of the police, the stuffy little room was soon uncomfortably jammed.

Mr. Coatsworth, the District-Attorney, attempted to prove that Pennell gave Burdick a bond for \$50,000 guaranteeing the payment to Mrs. Burdick of \$25,000, but Mrs. Burdick denied the existence of such a paper. The District-Attorney read what purported to be a copy of it made in Burdick's handwriting.

Mr. Coatsworth lost no time in preliminaries. He brought out that the Burdicks had an altercation in which he wanted to have it established that Mrs. Burdick struck her husband on the head with a chair. She denied the chair incident.

There was direct cumulative testimony to show that Pennell ruled her every motive. When driven from her home by Burdick she went direct to Pennell. Pennell paid all the preliminary expenses of her divorce suit. Pennell secured her lawyer. He met her in Niagara, New York and Atlantic City and he met her in Buffalo the day after her husband was slain.

STUNNED BY NEWS OF THE MURDER.

"I was so shocked and stunned by the news of my husband's death that I did not know what I wrote or did," she said with eyes flashing in response to Mr. Coatsworth's question as to why she had wired to Arthur Pennell, her lover, to meet her at the station when she arrived in Buffalo the day following the death of her husband.

The ordeal was a trying one for her. At times she exhibited marked self-control in her answers to the questions addressed to her, and at other moments she nearly broke down. Her chin quivered and she clutched her throat nervously with her fingers when the rasping questions of Mr. Coatsworth were volleyed at her.

The description of her last day with Pennell proved more disturbing to her serenity than anything else in the proceedings. Her eyes grew moist and her voice trembled as she described the events of what must have been her last happy day with the man to whom she had given her affection. Immediately after her description of her lunches and theatre trips with "Handsome Arthur" in New York a few days prior to her husband's death, came her recital of her arrival in Buffalo and her awakening, as she said, for the first time, to the fact that her husband had been murdered. This, she said, she learned with horror from a reporter who met her at the station.

"When the reporter stepped up to me and said my husband had been murdered in his den I nearly went crazy over the thought of such a dreadful thing. To me at that time the whole world was a blank. I confess I thought of no one, and rushed blindly to my old home in Ashland avenue, and there to find my husband dead, my little children fatherless, was more than I, or any woman, could bear. I broke down and wept and wept. What occurred after that I do not remember. I wish my whole life was a blank and that I could start anew, but it's too late."

STRAIN HAS TOLD UPON HER.

Mrs. Burdick drove up to Police Headquarters promptly at 10 o'clock. She was dressed entirely in black and leaned heavily on Attorney

TAMMANY TO VOTE FOR CANAL. ALDERMEN NOT FOR HIGH LICENSE

Grady Gets Orders from Leader Murphy to Support Measure, While Senate Is Debating It on Final Passage.

ALBANY, March 24.—The Davis-Bostwick-Thompson-Barge canal bill was taken up in the Senate to-day on the order of final passage. Senator Lewis, Republican, offered an amendment providing for the appointment of a commission by the Governor to consult with the Federal authorities relative to the joint construction of a deep waterway through the State.

Senator Lewis recalled the previous appropriation of \$9,000,000 which he declared was a deliberate and wasteful waste of money.

Mr. Lewis read resolutions signed by Andrew H. Green, A. Strauss, Henry Clews, Hugh Kelly, John De Witt Warner, F. C. Oloft, Miles M. O'Brien, C. S. Shayne, Bird S. Coler, Edward Lauterbach, John C. Kelly, George C. Clarke, E. A. Brady and several other New Yorkers, indorsing the purpose of his resolution.

Senator Grady asked if any of those whose names Senator Lewis had mentioned were interested in railroads.

Mr. Lewis replied that Senator Grady ought to know better than he. "Surely every one named is interested in the commercial prosperity of New York City," remarked Senator Rufine.

Further debate followed and the resolution was defeated by a vote of 32 to 14. "Senator Lewis has denied that his proposal was submitted for the purpose of elude-tracking or killing the barge canal scheme."

Senator Hill, of Buffalo, declared that with the barge canal New York State could challenge all railroad trusts. One of the results would be a galaxy of great cities along the route.

While the bill was under discussion Senator Grady received a special delivery letter from Chairman Tammany, calling upon the Democrats to support the canal bill.

There is a rumor that the bill will be beaten by the votes of anti-canal men, weakening Republicans and "don't care" Tammany men.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 5 P. M. Wednesday for New York city and vicinity: Fair to-night; Wednesday cloudy and unsettled, cooler; fresh southwest winds, becoming variable.

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